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SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" May I know, Sir, whether the gist of the reply will be communicated to us in view of the anxiety of the House to expedite the scheme? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Sir, the reply was received only yesterday and the Department is examining it. I can place it before the House after it is analysed."

Experiment of transacting the official business in Tamil language.

* 117 *Q.*—SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the experiment of transacting the official business in Tamil language has been introduced in Tiruchirappalli district;

(*b*) under what provision of Constitution or law, such experiment has been introduced;

(*c*) whether Government passed orders as to how to carry out such experiment successfully, and if so, in what departments of Government in Tiruchirappalli district;

(*d*) whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table of the House a statement showing the names of the Collectors and district heads posted to Tiruchirappalli district from the date of the introduction of the experiment and the period of their service in the district;

(*e*) whether the district officials engaged are well versed in Tamil language; and

(*f*) whether the Government have called for any periodical reports from the district heads as regards the experiment and its progress?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) :—" (*a*) On 1st May 1948, Sir.

" (*b*) The scheme was introduced by issuing an executive order.

" (*c*) Yes, Sir. The scheme is in force in all Departments of Government as well as local bodies in the district except Law Courts.

" (*d*) A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House.

" (*e*) It will be observed from the statement placed on the table of the House that most of the officers are well versed in Tamil language.

" (*f*) Annual reports are received from the Collector of Tiruchirappalli through the Board of Revenue. In view of the satisfactory progress of the experiment, it has been extended from time to time."

SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR :—"*ஏதாவது ரிப்போர்ட் செய்திருந்திருந்தால் அதை சபையில் வைக்கமுடியுமா*? "

[a] Printed as Appendix III on pages 414–420 infra.

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I do not think, Sir, it is worthwhile placing the report before the House."

SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR :—" பீரியாடிகல் ரிப்போர்ட் இல்லாததின் காரணத்தினால் தான் இந்த முறை சரியாக நடக்கவில்லை யென்று மக்கள் கருதுகிறார்கள். ஆகையால் இனிமேலாவது பீரியாடிகல் ரிப்போர்ட் தயாரித்து சமர்ப்பிக்க வேண்டுமென்று சர்க்கார் உத்தரவு போடுவார்களா ?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I do not think, Sir, publishing periodical reports is a remedy for making the system work efficiently."

Number of superior posts in the I.A.S. cadre sanctioned for the Madras State.

* 118 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased—

(*a*) to lay on the table of the House a list as on 1st January 1954 showing the number of superior posts in the I.A.S. cadre sanctioned for the Madras State, the number of such posts reserved for the State Civil Services (Executive Branch) and the number actually held by the latter; and

(*b*) to state the minimum period of service fixed for directly recruited I.A.S. Officers before they are promoted to the Collector's grade?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) :—" (*a*) Proposals regarding the fixation of the strength of the Indian Civil Administrative Cadre of the Madras State are pending with the Government of India. Hence it is not possible to place on the table of the House a list of senior posts containing the required details.

" (*b*) Normally direct recruit Indian Administrative Service Officers will become eligible for promotion to senior posts about the seventh or eighth year of their service. But in the exigencies of Public Services, and also due to shortage of officers, officers with a service of less than eight or seven years are also considered for promotion provided they are otherwise suitable and have sufficient administrative experience."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government have considered the fixation of the proportion of vacancies in the cadre of Collectors to be filled up by Deputy Collector promotees and the I.A.S. officers and what is the percentage now for promotion of Deputy Collectors to the cadre of District Collectors? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice, Sir."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Graduates (with Tamil in Group V) are merely treated as untrained graduates if they do not possess any training qualification. Such untrained graduates are paid the minimum pay of Rs. 65 in the scale of Rs. 65—5—130 or Rs. 85 in the scale of Rs. 85—5—125—10—175 according as they are employed by local bodies or by Government."

3-20 p.m. SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" Sir, are the Government aware of the fact that the Tirunelveli District Board has been paying a woman graduate who took Tamil for her B.A. Degree only Rs. 45 per mensem stating that she is only a second grade Tamil Pandit? The Board has been consistently refusing to pay her Rs. 65 per mensem because it says that she has committed the sin of taking the mother language as her subject for the B.A. Degree instead of a foreign language for which she would be eligible for Rs. 65 per mensem? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I think, recently orders have been passed that in the case of all these untrained graduates the minimum pay of Rs. 65 should be given."

Treating Hindi Pandits without Pracharak Diploma as unqualified Pandits.

* 138 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Hindi Pandits who do not possess the Pracharak Diploma are treated as unqualified pandits;

(*b*) if so, whether any Hindi Pandit is affected by such an order;

(*c*) whether the obtaining of exemption is insisted on by the Government for employment of such pandits in aided high schools;

(*d*) whether any time-limit has been fixed for such pandits to get themselves qualified; and

(*e*) if so, the arrangements made by the Government to retain in the school-year 1954–55 such of those pandits who have not been able to qualify themselves within the time-limit?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise.

" (*c*) Exemption is insisted on in respect of Hindi Pandits who possess only the language and general educational qualifications prescribed for the posts, but are without the training qualifications.

" (*d*) The unqualified Hindi Pandits are required to qualify themselves by obtaining the training diploma within two years after appointment.

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" (*e*) Pandits not exempted from acquiring the training diploma are continued beyond the two years after appointment with the temporary exemption accorded by competent authority provided fully qualified hands do not become available."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" Sir, are the Government aware of the fact that many District Educational Officers and Inspectresses have declared these teachers as unqualified and many teachers have been displaced? Teachers who have obtained the *Visharad* Degree which is recognized and have obtained a certificate of training by undergoing a three months' training course in the Hindi Prachar Sabha, have been declared unqualified."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" They have to take their training diploma and, if they do not do so, they are not qualified teachers."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" Sir, as I have already submitted in this House, though the training course is only for three months the candidates have to undergo a general course for seven months. May I know whether the Government are aware of this? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" So far the Government have recognized only the Pracharak Diploma. Sir, I am prepared to consider whether the other course mentioned by the hon. Member is equivalent to the Pracharak Diploma."

Inclusion of names of teachers in the panel for headmasters from 1949–50 to 1952–53.

* 139 *Q.*—SRI M. ETHIRAJULU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of teachers who have applied for the inclusion of their names in the panel for headmasters during the years 1949–50, 1950–51, 1951–52 and 1952–53 in the District Board High schools and the Municipal High schools of South Arcot district;

(*b*) how many of them have been included in the panel;

(*c*) what are the qualifications necessary for the inclusion in the panel; and

(*d*) who are the officers empowered to include teachers in the panel?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*), (*b*) & (*d*) A statement [a] is laid on the table of the House.

" (*c*) A University degree with L.T., B.T. or B.Ed. and a service of ten years as an assistant in secondary schools."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Sir, may I know if appointment of headmasters are made strictly in the order of seniority in the panel prepared by the educational authorities in consultation with the President of the District Board? "

[a] Printed as Appendix V on page 422 infra.

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Number of Hindi Pandits who were not permitted to sit for the S.S.L.C. Examination in March 1953.

* 153 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Hindi Pandits who were not permitted to sit for the S.S.L.C. Examination in March 1953; and

(*b*) the number of such Pandits who have been admitted to the subsequent S.S.L.C. Examinations held in October 1953 and March 1954?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Seventy-five Hindi Pandits were not permitted to sit for the S.S.L.C. Examination held in March 1953 as they were not qualified then to appear for the examination.

" (*b*) This information is not available in official records and it cannot also be ascertained except perhaps by entering into correspondence with the Pandits concerned."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY :—" Have the Government considered the question and found out that the order passed at the time of the examination in March 1953 was wholly unjust and against the facts? " 11-10 a.m.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do not know how it is unjust. The Pandits were made eligible to appear for the examination in October 1953 if they had become qualified. Therefore, I do not see any unjustness in the order."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY :—" They were all teachers with three years' service as in the case of Sanskrit and Tamil Pandits. They were denied permission and were forced to get a training diploma which they have already obtained as part of the **Pracharak** diploma."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" They have to get the Pracharak diploma and then they will be eligible to sit for the S.S.L.C. examination. If they are not qualified under that rule, I do not see how we could make them eligible for it."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY :—" Sir, may I request the Chair to allow a half-hour debate on this subject. This subject was mooted in the last session and the Government have to be cleared of the misapprehension that the Pracharak diploma is a mere training qualification, whereas it is not. Pracharak diploma is not at all a mere training course; but it is a training course plus something else. As this matter affects a number of Pandits and as the Government have to be posted with the actual position, I request the Chair to allow a half-hour debate on it."

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" I do not consider this matter to be important enough to be discussed in a half-hour debate. Therefore, I disallow the request."